



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DISABILITY VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK

- WHEREAS: There are more than 1.3 million individuals with disabilities residing in Georgia communities; and
- WHEREAS: During the month of July, we celebrate the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which represents a milestone in equality as the first substantive legal affirmation of equal treatment of Americans with mental and physical disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: It is imperative that Georgians with disabilities of all ages understand their critical role in shaping policies enacted at the local, state and federal levels, as these policies often have a profound effect on their daily lives; and
- WHEREAS: Encouraging the disabled community to vote is essential to ensuring that the policies that are implemented meet the real needs of individuals living with disabilities and help to further integrate them in the communities in which they live; and
- WHEREAS: Disability Voter Registration Week provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the need for citizens living with a disability to participate in state and local elections; and
- WHEREAS: During Disability Voter Registration Week, the REV UP Georgia Coalition will join disability advocacy groups from across the state to educate members of the disability community on their civic duties regarding the right to vote; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 16–20, 2018, as DISABILITY VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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